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1. Unconfirmed report indicates that present Communist strike and political activities in France are directed by the Commission Centrale des Cadres. The Commission, which usually meets in Paris, receives orders directly from Moscow and, in the management of the current Communist agitation, has superseded the regular French Communist leaders.

2. The personnel of the Commission consists of the following three men:

Jean Chaumeil: Secretary of the Commission. Formerly checked on the political antecedents of candidates for important posts in the French Communist Party (FCP).

Colonel Georges Beyer: One of the principal members of the FCP intelligence service. Member of the Comité Militaire National Clandestin governing the shock troops of the Association Nationale des Anciens Francs-Tireurs et Partisans Français

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Michel Cervin: Probably identical with Marcel Servin, previously reported as chef de cabinet to Maurice Thorez and member of FCP Central Committee.

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